



## St Michael's Catholic Parish Traralgon

**St Michael's Vision Statement:** Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic Community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

**St Michael's Mission Statement:**

To provide opportunities for parishioners –

- to grow in holiness
- to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.

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**Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and adults at risk:** Central to the mission of St Michael's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and adults at risk and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Please contact our Safeguarding Officer Shane Reid on 5174 2060 if you have any concerns.

### St Michael's Parish Information

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**After office hours** - in case of an emergency please call 0499 162 313 and leave a message and your contact details. All non-urgent calls should be made during office hours.

**Baptisms:** Six weeks notice required

**Weddings:** Six months notice required

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Lia Di Corleto, Chairperson, Fr Aju, Steve Kimani, Greg Imhagwe, Watson Gomez, Jenifer Hanratty, Judi McLaughlin, Thomas Mathew, Amanda Reid, Jodie Ware, Michelle Charlton, and Doug Doherty.

### Our Schools:

**St Gabriel's School** 5174 5515

Principal: Mrs Michelle Charlton

**St Michael's School** 5174 3295

Principal: Mrs Jodie Ware

**Lavalla Catholic College** 5174 5272

Principal: Mr Ryan Greer

Kildare Campus 5174 8111

St Paul's Campus 5174 7355



## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

LISBON, PORTUGAL

August 01 – 06

**Mary arose and went with haste (Luke 1:39)**

Zahra along with 17 parishioners from around our Diocese and Fr Avinash, Fr Paul and Sr Mary Olofu, have left Australia to begin their journey to Portugal for World Youth Day. They will head to the holy site of Fatima before beginning the World Youth Day Celebrations in Lisbon from August 01 – 06. For more than 30 years, World Youth Day has been an opportunity for the young people of the world to go on pilgrimage and discover how Jesus calls each of us to be his disciples. They will enjoy a Papal welcome, catechesis, youth festivals as well as a final pilgrim walk and vigil with People Francis and millions of other young Catholics. Let us together extend our heartfelt prayers for their journey to be transformative, and that they may find strength, guidance and inspiration in the company of their fellow youth from around the world. Please keep Zahra and the other pilgrims in your prayers as they take their next steps on their journey to World Youth Day.

### Prayer for World Youth Day 2023

*Our Lady of the Visitation,*

*you who arose and went with haste into the hill country to meet Elizabeth,  
lead us also to encounter all those who await us  
to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!*

*We, too, will go in haste, without distraction or delay,  
but with readiness and joy.*

*We will go with peace because those who bring Christ bring peace, and well-being comes from being generous and loving in our deeds.*

*Our Lady of the Visitation,*

*through your inspiration, this World Youth Day  
will be a shared celebration of Christ, whom we bring to others, just as you did.  
Please make this a time of testimony and sharing, of fraternity and thanksgiving,  
with each of us looking for opportunities to give to those  
who are waiting to receive.*

*With you, we will continue on this path of encounter so that our world will join  
us, too, in fraternity, justice, and peace.*

*Help us,*

*Our Lady of the Visitation,  
to bring Christ to everyone,*

*in obedience to the Father and in the love of the Holy Spirit!*

*Amen*

Sunday Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Weekday Mass Times	
Tuesday Aug 01	9:30am Mass
Wednesday Aug 02	11:00am Reconciliation 11:00am Exposition 12:00pm Mass
Thursday Aug 03	9:30am* Liturgy
Friday Aug 04	9:30am Mass

**\*There will be no mass this Thursday, but parishioners will lead a liturgy at St Michael's.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** those who have died recently including Eligio Bau, Barbara Mooney, William 'Evan' Higgins, Victoria Sanchez, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Alan Murtagh, Margaret Dick, Anna Douglas, Joan O'Dwyer, Catherine Miller, Julia Moretti, John De Martin, Victoria and Frank Silvestro, Angelina Agostino, and KJ Varghese. *Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** including Ann-Maree Daly, Gary Donchi, Bill Edgar, Bernadette Formaran, Fr Frank Freeman, Marj Gilbert, Carolyn Gleeson, Jacqui Granville, Barbara Greaves, Ellen Hammond, Jenny Hansch, Robert Hazelman, Imogen Hillier, Joyce Martin, Ivy May, Deborah McKerchar, Ben Melenhorst, Maree Morris, Henry Polo, Joan Riggall, Theresa Rosello, Jerry Templer, Damiano Tripodi, Sharon Veleff, George Walkan, Roy Ward, Victoria Rohli, Fr John Speekman, James Whitty, Kelly Maher, John Waanders, Peter Dal Pra, Jane Eric, Rose Xuereb and Manuel Xuereb and all those we hold dear in our hearts.



**FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN VIANNEY:** This Friday August 04 we celebrate the feast day of St John Vianney, patron saint of priests. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: Bishop Greg, our priests and deacons, that they may continue on their ministry of service and live out their vocation as shepherds of the faithful. Fr Peter and Deacon Tony will join the other priests and deacons of our Diocese on Thursday for their annual Vianney Reflection Day. Therefore, there will be no parish mass on Thursday, however we will have a parishioner led liturgy instead. Mass at Dalkeith has also been changed from Thursday August 03 to Thursday August 10 at 11am.

**BAPTISM PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:**

Have you ever thought about Baptising your school aged child? Are you wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Enrolments are now open for our Term 3 program. Two workshops will be held on Sunday August 27 and Sunday September 03 with the sacrament of Baptism celebrated the following weekend on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. At least one parent must be a baptised Catholic. Please contact Cath or Jen in the parish office for more information or to enrol your child.



This Week's Events	
Tuesday August 01	
7:30pm	Come and See! RCIA Information Night, Parish Centre
Wednesday August 02	
11:00am	Reconciliation, St Michael's Church
Thursday August 03	
10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group, Mary MacKillop Room

**BAPTISMS:** The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 05 at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060 if you are interested in attending.



**COME AND SEE:  
Tuesday August 01  
7:30 – 9:00pm  
St Michael's Parish Centre**

**RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** St Michael's Parish warmly invites anyone interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith to attend the 'Come and See' Inquiry Session on Tuesday August 1st, in our Parish Centre. The evening will commence at 7.30pm sharp, and finish by 9.00pm. It is a great opportunity to learn about the RCIA program and the steps to take if you would like to join the Catholic Church. It is an opportunity to ask questions and meet our wonderful team who will share their own stories of their faith journeys. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in attending or learning more, please register your details with the parish office on 5174 2060. Flyers are in the Church entries to take and hand out to friends and family.



WOW! A fun time was had by all last Sunday as our young parishioners led morning mass to celebrate our 'older' parishioners and grandparents. It was great to see so many people supporting our young people at mass and joining us for morning tea in the hall afterwards. Thank you to our youth council for organizing the morning events, who led with joy in their hearts, to those who came along for morning tea, for your financial support, for your patience. Thank you to those who brought their children and grandchildren to mass, or perhaps their parents or grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many new faces or faces we had not seen for a while. Connections between our young and old and learning from each other is part of what makes St Michael's such a wonderful parish. We look forward to strengthening those bonds as we continue on our faith journey together. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support, it is very much appreciated!

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Join our J-Walkers after 9:30am mass this Sunday as they continue walking with Jesus. Hot drinks and tasty treats will be available to purchase from their coffee cart, with all funds raised going towards the youth ministry. They will be selling coffees after Sunday morning mass each weekend of Term 3. Drop in and say hello, they would love to meet you.



**Feast Day of  
St Mary of the  
Cross  
Tuesday  
August 08**

**VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE- FROM PORTLAND TO PENOLA:** Join us on **Tuesday August 08** to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We will have a special morning tea in the Mary MacKillop Room after morning mass, where we will follow in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop as we take a virtual pilgrimage from her home in Portland to Penola where she took up the invitation to open a school. We will hold a second gathering in the evening along with wine and cheese, at 730pm for those who are unable to join us in the morning.

**JESUS, PIZZA & PRAISE- WITH FR FRANCIS AND FR DENIS:** Join us at St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North, for an exciting night of praise and worship, powerful youth testimonies, healing mass, music, free pizza & supper. For young people aged 13-35, however all are welcome. Please note that youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult.  
**St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North: August 6th @ 4pm**



The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has published a document on evangelisation, offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. It draws on seminal documents on evangelisation from recent decades, including the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. *Evangelisation* can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>

*"Those who have opened their hearts to God's love, heard his voice and received his light cannot keep this gift to themselves."*

*Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei (2013) 37*



**Coffee & Hot Chocolates  
are now available for purchase after  
930am Mass every Sunday**

# Come and See

**A call to the priesthood**



## AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

**St Joseph's Parish, Warragul  
Sunday, August 13th, 2023  
2: 00-4:00 pm**

A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Diocese to come to St. Joseph's Parish Warragul Sunday August 13, particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest, or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, *'the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it'* (Mt13:45).

### STEWARDSHIP MATTERS:

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

*(Romans 8:28)*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

### Rosters for August 05 & 06

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

	Lector	Commentator	Usher/Welcomer	Musicians
<b>Saturday Aug 05 5:00pm</b>	R Foote & T Larkin	M Noone	C Payne	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Aug 06 9:30am</b>	U & E Imhagwe	M Wilkinson	D Bau & A Sykes	Jane & Simon
<b>Sunday Aug 06 5:00pm</b>	E Joseph & M Alex	S Darby	Volunteer	Jane & Simon

Church Cleaning: August Welcomers Team  
Touring Statue of Our Lady: July 30 J Scholtes  
**Mick's Kitchen:** Aug 03 McLaughlin Team

August 10 Cartledge Team

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Ps 67:6-7 36

*God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

**First Reading** I Kings 3:5 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118:57 72 76-77 127-130. Rv97

**(R.) Lord, I love your commands.**

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;*

*You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

## Next week's Readings

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9